

After "Lights Out."

BEING PREPARED.

A certain young widow in Seaford, who is a great believer in palmistry, had a friend to see her the other day, who professed to be a specialist in the art. On reading the young widow's hand, she said: "You will have a young naval officer to see you shortly, probably within the next few weeks. He will propose marriage to you, and you will be married before Christmas." The young widow immediately went to town and bought a perambulator.

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R.S.M., to recruit, who is receiving instruction in duties of a sentry: What will you do after tattoo?

Recruit: Just stick around the hut.

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A number of recruits thought they would surprise their Instructor. One morning, when their squad was called to attention, and ordered to number off, they started, "One, two, three, ten, Jack, Queen, King." Now, the Instructor was a wily guy, and, moreover, had no undue proportion of wood in his beam, so, without the least hesitation, he called out, "Numbers one to ten, right turn! Dismiss! Court cards, on the reverse flank, Fall out! Report for duty to the Sanitary Corporal!"

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The "Whys" Men's Corner.

SAY, TELL US, NOW!

Who is the C.Q.M.S. of the 2nd C.E.R.B. who so graciously settled the conscription argument in No. 3 Lines Sergeants' Mess, on November 25th? Good old Second Division Signallers.

Who was the C.S.M. of a well-known A.T.C. who, while on leave somewhere on the South Coast, lost his lady friend with the invisible stockings?

If Sergt. Pain suffers with corns on his fingers through counting money?

Why orderlies with despatches to Headquarters, C.E.T.C., will persist in going into any office except the Central Registry? And if they think that Central Registry is a place to get a marriage licence?

Why everybody makes the suggestion to Corpl. McRae, when he is going to Brighton, not to get drunk?

If McKibben and Lambden really went to Brighton to see the fish? Or whether they went to see the chickens? We advise them to read the articles in the *Daily Express* of late re "Drugs and vampires."

Is it true Bill Hawkes is going to take his discharge in this country for the purpose of taking a position as stationmaster at Surbiton? We notice he's cultivating a moustache, and he tells us there is a possibility of his joining the benedicts during the next four or five years.

If the cinema photographer made a success of his pictures? And if some soothing syrup were taken, would it not ensure a better production?

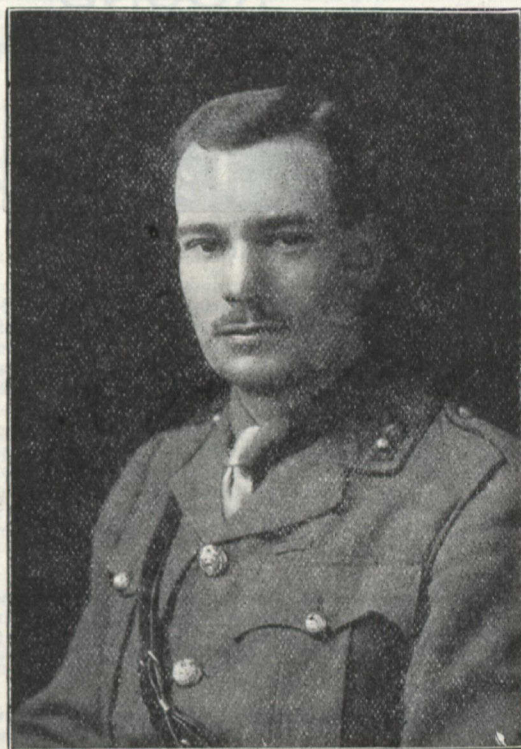
How much did Sergt. Pain make out of his golf clubs that he sold to Capt. Inderwick? He still has eight balls to sell. He says all they need is scrubbing.

What did Corpl. Saunders say to the cat?

The R.S.M. says now that the 11 days' leave is cancelled, he is going to put in for six, and apply for an unsuspended extension. We hope he gets it.

Who is it who is always saying "Have we time for a rubber"? And what does he mean?

Our Portrait Gallery.



LIEUT.-COL. E. PEPLER, D.S.O.

Held Lieutenantcy in 2nd Field Company, Canadian Engineers, Canadian Militia, at the outbreak of war. Proceeded with that unit to Valcartier in August, 1914. Posted to 3rd Field Company, Canadian Engineers, C.E.F., on formation of that unit in September, 1914, and proceeded overseas. Proceeded with 3rd Field Company, C.E., to France on 9th February, 1915, in command of No. 2 Section. Awarded the Croix de Guerre, 1st Class (French), for services rendered during 1915. Promoted Captain 27th January, 1916. Assumed command of 3rd Field Company, C.E., 5th March, 1916, when Col. Macphail took over command of 1st Canadian Divisional Engineers. Promoted Major and to command 1st Field Company, C.E., 20th May, 1916. Re-posted to command of 3rd Field Company, C.E. 21st May, 1916. "Mentioned in Despatches" and awarded the D.S.O. for services during the war, New Year's Honour List, 1918. Assumed command of 3rd Battalion C.E., and appointed Lieut.-Colonel on re-organization of Engineers, 24th May, 1918.

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Personal.

On Friday, December 13th, Capt. G. R. Chetwynd, M.C., D.C.M., received the Military Cross at an investiture held by His Majesty the King at Buckingham Palace.